Preliminary Amendment

Docket No.: 221694US2PCT

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** 

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-41 are pending; Claims 1, 2, 22-32, and 38 are amended; and Claim 41 is

newly added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

The preliminary amendment sets forth amendments discussed with Examiner

Whittaker on May 19 and 23, 2005. As discussed with Examiner Whittaker, it is believed

that these amendments place this application in condition for allowance.

Newly added Claim 41 represents a combination of Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed,

with the removal of the first step of computing a subcutaneous fat quantity. It is therefore

respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by new Claim 41.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is

respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and

favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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